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In re the application of:

Yasushi AKIYAMA et al.

Art Unit: To be Assigned

Serial No. 10/518,105, filed December 10, 2004

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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2. PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

Pursuant to the notice in the Official Gazette notice of 5 August 2003, 1276 O.G. 55, copies of US Patents and/or US Patent Publications are not being enclosed as the present application has a filing date after June 30, 2003.

- 3. COMPLETED FORM PTO-1449 IS ATTACHED.
- 4. IDENTIFICATION OF PRIOR APPLICATION IN WHICH LISTED INFORMATION WAS ALREADY CITED AND FOR WHICH NO COPIES ARE SUBMITTED OR NEED BE SUBMITTED

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5. COPIES OF LISTED INFORMATION ITEMS ACCOMPANYING THIS STATEMENT

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[] Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application as identified in No. 4 above.

6. TRANSLATION(S) OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

[X] Submitted herewith is an English language abstract of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:

English Abstract of JP2001-133984 English Abstract of JP2002-148821 English Abstract of JP06-148896 English Abstract of JP05-326389 English Abstract of JP2000-010294 English Abstract of JP09-325500 English Abstract of JP09-246166 English Abstract of JP 04-51020 English Abstract of JP61-179435

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- [X] The following foreign language documents submitted are believed to be the equivalent or substantial equivalent of the English language documents identified below, which are also submitted herewith:
- EP 1 306 72 A1 is equivalent to JP 2002-6514 (see page 7 of the specification; see also International Search Report listing for WO 02/29493 A1; also equivalent to US Patent Publication 2003/0180667).

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